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Jim Blake named Highlander of the Year

JENN WATT

Editor

If it involves the arts in Haliburton, you can bet Jim Blake has had something to do with it.

From Dusk Dances to Dysart's cultural plan, the sculpture forest to the Rail Trail, all-candidates meetings to the arts council, Blake is there making things happen.

On Saturday night, the Chamber of Commerce honoured the Haliburton County Development Corporation consultant with the Highlander of the Year award.

After rattling off a lengthy list of committees and accomplishments, including Fleming College's Brian Desbiens Community Service Award, MC Mike Jaycock summed it up to Blake this way: "You are a great representative of who we are."

Blake said he first moved to the Highlands 25 years ago because of how impressed he was by the village of Haliburton.

"I chose to live here because I love this place and grew up here in the summertime, but I also chose to live here because

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We're No. 1

The Red Hawks boys' hockey team celebrate following a 10-3 win over the Campbellford Flames in the COSSA championship final on Monday afternoon, March 2 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The team will represent COSSA at the all-provincials next week in Pembroke. Their seeding at the tournament will be determined by their win/loss record and tournament results. More on page 18. /DARREN LUM Staff

The Last Waltz for Dusk Dances in Haliburton

The following was written by local organizers of Dusk Dances Haliburton. They note that this summer, Highlands Little Theatre will be staging A Midsummer Night's Dream in Head Lake Park.

When the legendary rock roots group The Band held their final performance in 1976 they called it *The Last Waltz*. It turns out that the final performance of Dusk Dances in Head Lake Park on Sunday,

July 20, 2014 was also The Last Waltz for Dusk Dances in Haliburton. After eight years of unique performances, the local committee is hanging up its dancing shoes.

The first Dusk Dances event in Haliburton was in 2006. No one who was there will forget the astounding opening act of *Falling* with Ayelen Liberona emerging from a cocoon suspended from a willow

tree above the Drag River and descending with spell-binding acrobatic grace on two ribbons of silk into the river. Or the *Flock of Flyers* a mad cap and intricately choreographed performance of a Canadian flying squadron with no planes.

That same year featured the first local piece *The Hat* choreographed by Daniela

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OPP investigating several cottage break-ins

Members of the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police are currently investigating numerous break and enters to seasonal properties around the area of Blue Hawk Lake Road in Dysart et al.

Between early afternoon and late evening on Sunday, Feb. 22, unknown suspect(s) attended several cottages along the north shoreline of Blue Hawk Lake Road by way of snowmobile and forcibly gained entry.

Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked the cottages. It is believed that the suspect(s) was in search of alcohol as no other items were targeted.

Haliburton Highlands OPP is continuing to investigate and is seeking assistance from the public.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident, they are being asked to contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment at 1-888-310-1122.

Anonymous information can also be reported to Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at www.khcs.ca where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to

\$2,000.

The OPP is urging residents to take the following steps to help protect their cottages.

- Ask a permanent resident to check in on your property and provide them with your contact information.
- Remove all food and alcohol
- Secure your windows and doors – close window curtains or blinds and put up shutters.
- Consider using motion sensors to light up the exterior of the cottage
- Consider an alarm system and leave your contact information with your alarm company
- Get to know your neighbours, know who is a stranger and who belongs there and contact the police if you see someone who appears suspicious.

For more information on how to protect your property visit the OPP website and follow the OPP safeguard link at www.opp.ca/ecms/index.php?id=516

Submitted

Correction

In last week's *Haliburton Echo*, an article about Bob Power stated the VAD machine implanted on his heart was also used on patients in the U.S. and Europe. This particular type of machine, the Heartmate 3, has not been used on patients outside of Canada.

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Event engaged wider community

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Pagliaro and with a cast of local performers from the ages of eight to 20. The piece was so popular that they were invited to perform at the Dusk Dances flagship event in Withrow Park in Toronto the following year. It was a phenomenal tip of the hat to the talents of our local youth. Eight years later a number of these young performers have launched successful careers as performers and ongoing involvement in the arts.

Since that time there have been five local choreographers and over 140 local children and youth and adults involved in performances. Dusk Dances in Haliburton also provided new creative opportunities for the visiting professional dancers.

When dancers Mairead Filgate, Brodie Stephenson and Zhenya saw local kids doing flips off the bridge into the river it inspired them to create the Throwdown Collective and create the dance piece *One Couch* (they used a couch instead of bridge as the springboard for their acrobatics). This led to the creation of *Box Set* and their 2014 piece *1986 FM* in which a 1981 Chevy Malibu served as the centrepiece.

Dancers / choreographers Meredith Thomson and Kate Franklin were so inspired by the involvement of our local community in the Dusk Dances event that they proposed creating a piece that involved community members of all ages performing with professional dancers. The local committee commissioned the creation of the piece *Incandescent*. This work has now been performed across Canada.

So, after so many years of success, why *The Last Waltz*.

"This was not an easy decision," said Jim Blake, chairman of the local organizing committee. "Dusk Dances has been a tremendous event in our community for eight years. But it has also taken an enormous amount of energy to make it possible. Each year it has become a bit more expensive and more complicated to run. And each year it has become more of a challenge for us to raise the funds required and find the time needed throughout the year to put it all together. In early September we heard from Dusk Dances Inc (the organization that licenses the event and brings the professional performers to Haliburton) that their fees would be going up substantially for 2015. Because Dusk Dances Inc owns the rights for all Dusk Dances events there was no way for us to make changes or to simplify and still call it a Dusk Dances event. So we decided to end on a high note. We had wonderful audiences this year and we broke even with our budget. The Band had eight successful years and so did we."

"It has been a great run," said Lynda Shadbolt, Dusk Dances Haliburton volunteer co-ordinator. "Every year we have been delighted with the performances, the size and enthusiasm of our audiences and the wonderful support from the community. We have had an incredible group of volunteers who have helped out each night of the show with set-up and take down, hosting, ushering, and security. With that much energy in this community, I am confident that something new, creative and engaging will emerge."

"A lot of us on the committee have children who have performed in Dusk Dances," said Amy Brohm, who has overseen the marketing for Dusk Dances Haliburton the last few years. "What an

incredible opportunity it has been for our kids to be involved in creating performances that engage large audiences and to work alongside professional dancers. It has been a rewarding experience for our kids and for the visiting dancers. In 2012, I got to perform with my son in *Incandescent* and then in 2013 I had a role in the *Dance of the Derby Girls*."

The original idea for Dusk Dances was developed by Sylvie Bouchard in 1993 in Trinity Bellwoods Park in Toronto and it took off from there.

Ten years ago, Dusk Dances Inc was looking at how they could replicate their success in Toronto in smaller centres across Ontario and acquired funding to go to five communities for three years. They had heard about the active arts community in Haliburton and thought it might be a good fit. The Haliburton Sculpture Forest was the original sponsoring organization. Dusk Dances in Head Lake Park immediately became a popular event. Of the five communities that got involved in 2006 Haliburton is the only one that found the resources to keep going once the initial funding was finished. In 2009 a separate committee Dusk Dances Haliburton was formed under the auspices of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative to produce the local event.

One of the goals of Dusk Dances is to give new audiences an opportunity to experience professional contemporary dance and to give an opportunity for local choreographers to create new works for large audiences.

"What a great professional opportunity for me and the other local choreographers who created pieces performed by local youth and community members," said Pagliaro, local artistic director. "I had the great fortune to work with a tremendous group of kids in the first year in *The Hat* and then in 2013. I worked with members of our local roller derby team and dancer Kate Franklin to create the *Dance of the Derby Girls*."

Another goal of Dusk Dances was to engage people of all ages as performers, volunteers and audience members.

"I sit on a lot of committees as part of my job but I chose to volunteer on the Dusk Dances Haliburton Committee because it is such a fantastic community event," said Sandra Dupret, principal of Fleming College, Haliburton campus. "My son, daughter and husband have all performed in Dusk Dances and they have all been volunteers. How often does it happen that a whole family can be involved in something which is so inspiring."

Barb Fraser, committee secretary added: "We are grateful for and wish to thank all the volunteers, donors, sponsors, funders, choreographers, technicians, dancers and advertisers that have helped us in so many ways to bring Dusk Dances to our community. And of course we want to thank our wonderful audiences – the people who have been coming every year, the folks who came in wheelchairs and with walkers, the families who have planned their holidays to be here when Dusk Dances is on, and the people who just happened upon the event on a stroll through the park."

"We will continue to look at ways we can get the community involved and excited about creative outdoor events that involve people of all ages and capture the imagination. We will keep you posted."

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Recognizing water heroes

Front row from left, the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students Damon Harriss, Spencer Bowker, Victoria Robertson, Landon Chaulk, Ryanne Horsley and Georgia McAlpine accepted the Big Splash Award and the accompanying certificate on behalf of Grade 4s and 5s and the school from president of FEEL (Friends of Ecological Environmental Learning) including Norman Thomas, Haliburton Muskoka Kawartha Water Children's Water Festival, steering committee member Jim Milne, co-ordinator Irene Heaven, steering committee member Rick Whitteker and the Water Hero, portrayed by FEEL board of director Andrea Storm-Suke. Out of 100 schools, JDHES had the most water saving idea entries with 68 within two months late last year. Last year's Big Splash recipient, Lady Mackenzie Public School of Lakefield finished as runners-up this year. The upcoming HMK Water Children's Water Festival is this Sept. 27 and 28 at Kinark. For information on the festival see hmwaterfestival.ca and information on water heroes challenge see www.waterheroes.ca. /DARREN LUM Staff

Plaque to remember former fire chief

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Feb. 26 meeting of Dysart et al council.

A former fire chief whose life was claimed in a blaze in downtown Haliburton in 1956 will be recognized in a special ceremony next week.

On March 12, the municipality will be unveiling a special plaque made to honour Thomas Chambers, who died on the same day in 1956.

The ceremony will take place in the village square (in front of the Village Barn) at 1 p.m. and will include the unveiling of the plaque which will be installed on the Dawson Gray Insurance building. That building is the closest to where the fire occurred 59 years ago, the actual location no longer exists, said fire chief Miles Maughan.

Chambers was the chief of the fire brigade that existed at the time, said Maughan.

"It wasn't even officially a fire department," he said.

Maughan has extended an invitation to Chambers's remaining family members to attend the ceremony.

"This should have been done a long time ago," he said. "It's the only fire I know of in Haliburton County where a firefighter died."

Aging Well committee asks for input

Members of the Aging Well committee are looking for more input from the township and more opportunities to be involved in decisions made around the council table.

Last week the group made a delegation to council, represented by secretary Margery Cartwright, asking that a representative from council be appointed to act as a liaison between council and the committee.

During her presentation, Cartwright outlined some of the work Aging Well does locally, which includes the placement of benches throughout the village, which was done through a grant. The benches aid seniors who walk through the downtown and offers people a place to rest.

Last summer the group was instrumental in a new initiative that saw ramps placed outside of downtown business, to help seniors and those with mobility issues get in and out of establishments.

There is still more work to be done said Cartwright, such as providing transportation for residents of the new affordable housing complex on County Road 21.

In addition to a council liaison, the committee requested they be included in an advisory capacity on decisions made by the township that pertain to public use and access.

Councillors agreed to appoint Nancy Wood-Roberts as the liaison and to include the committee on future decisions.

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ing – Media Explorations with Helen McCusker; Sew 4 Perfect Projects with Judith Dingle; Weaving – Sashes, Straps and Bands with Ralph Johnston; Writing that Resonates with Ken Murray; Kids Colourful Abstract Fun with Rebecca Reynolds; Youth/Teen Acoustic Café with Charlie Kert.

Participants can experience the architecturally inspiring campus, creative energy, gallery receptions, entertainment, and art talks, instructor features, self-guided walk-about exhibitions, local galleries, shops, studios, and the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.

Visit www.hsta.ca for the schedule of courses and workshops.

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The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce award winners from left, Craig Gordon and Colby Marcellus of Baked and Battered for new business; Barrie Martin of the Haliburton County Folk Society for not-for-profit of the year; Willy Ewaschuk and wife Patti of Cottage Hill Furniture and Cabinets, Skilled Trades And Industry Award; David Zilstra of the Haliburton County Echo and Minden Times, Business Achievement Award; Jan Clarke and Sally Moore of Sunny Rock B&B, Tourism And Hospitality Award, Lindsay Lester of Supertrax, Innovation And Creativity Award; Highlander of the Year Jim Blake and Warden's Award recipient Paul MacInnes of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association /DARREN LUM Staff

CHA recognized for conservation work

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it was such a dynamic community. The little village of Haliburton had a college, an art gallery, two bookstores, a library, a theatre," he said.

And he found getting things done in Haliburton wasn't too hard at all.

"So, that's what makes things work here is you have an idea, you talk to five other people and they say, 'yep we'll do it.' It only happens because we all work together."

Blake's award completed an evening of honours at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre Feb. 28 that awarded excellence in community and business for 2014.

The first award of the evening was for business achievement and was given to The Haliburton Echo and Minden Times.

"These newspapers have been a fixture in the community for over 100 years and in a time when newspapers feel the pressures, these papers continue to thrive. This comes from an award winning organization and staff being recognized in 2014 for multiple awards from the Ontario Community Newspaper Association," said Jaycock, reading the judge's comments.

Publisher David Zilstra accepted the award and thanked the staff as well as the readers and advertisers for supporting the papers over the years.

"Most of all I'm looking forward to the future of these operations," he said.

The Customer First Award was given to Yummy Mummy Emporium in Minden, which specializes in products for infants and children including holistic medicine

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Volunteers are special people. They don't do it for money, they don't do it for glory. They do it for the cause and to benefit their community.

— Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association chairman Paul MacInnes

and clothing. Owner Amanda Vollmer was unable to attend the event.

Peter Schleifenzbaum, owner of Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, was given the Entrepreneur of the Year award.

He was also unable to attend the ceremony.

Schleifenzbaum was chosen for the award because Haliburton Forest has "turned into a forest bursting with life and economic opportunity," the judge's comments read. It was noted that he chose to take risks and find ways to make a shrinking industry – forestry – into a bustling business.

The Innovation and Creativity Award was given to Supertrax Media, which produces television and print media around ATVing and snowmobiling, filming much of their TV show in the Minden area. The company employs nine people locally and



This year's Warden's Award recipient, chosen by Warden Murray Fearrey, was the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association (CHA). Its president Paul MacInnes accepted the award at the ninth annual Business and Community Achievement Awards Gala on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Pinestone Resort. /DARREN LUM Staff

seven outside of Canada. Supertrax is the largest snowmobile enthusiast publication in North America, Jaycock told the crowd.

Haliburton café and fish and chips shop Baked and Battered took home the New Business Award for their consistently good food, great customer service and connection to the community. The café features local artists' works on the walls,

hosts yoga fundraisers and has launched a new endeavour with SIRCH Community Services called Cook It Up.

"Their development of the business as a morning coffee meeting place and the introduction of 10 items under \$10 are creative ways of addressing the difficult sales

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'It's a great community to do business in'

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season," said Jaycock.

Owners Colby Marcellus and Craig Gordon accepted the award.

"This is a really great community and it's a great community to do business in and we're very, very proud to be here," said Marcellus.

The Haliburton County Folk Society was awarded for its 20-year history of providing live music to the Highlands in the not-for-profit category.

"This organization puts the needs of the overall community at the core of its operation, actively supporting and cross-promoting music of all genres," Jaycock said.

Barrie Martin accepted the award on behalf of the folk society.

"We just enjoy bringing great music to the community, supporting all types of music, not just folk and trying to encourage young musicians and others to play music," he said.

Harcourt was represented this year in the form of Cottage Hill Furniture and Cabinets, which took home the Skilled Trades and Industry Award.

"We've been in this area now for 10 years striving to bring quality craftsmanship and design. Thank you for the recognition," Willy Ewaschuk said.

"Cottage Hill Furniture and Cabinets designs, builds and installs kitchens, bathroom vanities, Murphy beds, furniture and custom cabinetry with a flair of creativity and a high degree of craftsmanship," Jaycock said.

Sunny Rock B&B, off Gelert Road near Minden, was this year's Tourism and Hospitality winner. Owned by Sally Moore and Jan Clarke, Sunny Rock was lauded for its beautiful facilities, long history and the pair's strong advocacy for tourism excellence in the Highlands.

"If I had one wish it would be that every individual in this room for the next five weeks in preparation of the summer, every time you pick up the phone say, 'I look forward to welcoming you to the Haliburton Highlands,'" Moore said in accepting the award.

County Warden Murray Fearrey selected the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations as winner of the



This year's Highlander of the Year Award recipient Jim Blake, centre, shares a laugh with the award's presenters and sponsors John McDonald, left, and wife Holly McDonald of the Lakeview Motel, at the ninth annual Business and Community Achievement Awards Gala on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Pinestone Resort. /DARREN LUM Staff



Warden's Award.

Fearrey said the CHA represents more than 12,000 property owners across the Highlands and has done important work around maintaining and improving water quality.

CHA chairman Paul MacInnes used

his time at the podium to talk about the importance of volunteers in the county.

"I have a great opportunity as a volunteer to work with so many other volunteers in this community," he said.

"Volunteers are special people. They don't do it for money, they don't do it for

Bottom left, Craig Gordon, left, and Colby Marcellus of Baked and Battered accepted this year's New Business Award from sponsor Trophy Property Corporation's Peter Brady.

Bottom right, the Haliburton County Folk Society's Eric Lilius, left, and Barrie Martin accepted this year's Not-For-Profit Of The Year Award from sponsor representative BMO branch manager Richard Wannan, right.



glory. They do it for the cause and to benefit their community. I just want to say thanks to all of those volunteers.... We live in a wonderful place."

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Fair

Goodbye, Dusk Dances

ADD DUSK Dances to the list of events of Haliburton's past.

Last week, we got the bad news the annual performance art in Head Lake Park had its "Last Waltz," as organizers put it, after eight successful seasons.

Despite robust attendance numbers, the volunteer committee that brings professional dancers to Haliburton never brought in much money. And as the committee explains in an article in this week's Echo, a substantial price hike from the Dusk Dance corporation was insurmountable.

It's hard not to view this announcement with a touch of despair.

The dances had, over the years, become a mainstay of the summer in Haliburton. It was exciting and different, appealed to cottagers and locals alike. There was always a community component, meaning the young dancers and artists had a chance to try out their moves in front of thousands of people in their hometown. Many times, the young people (and adults too) were afforded the opportunity to learn from the dancers who came to town. A few years back, dancers Meredith Thomson and Kate Franklin actually created a dance with residents from the Highlands.

For the talented choreographers we have living in our midst, Dusk Dances was a magical venue to try out new ideas.

And before each evening's presentation, local bands filled Head



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Editorial

Lake Park with song, usually inspiring a few brave audience members to jump out of their lawn chairs and cut a rug – or in this case, mash some grass under their feet as they bopped to Jazz Kitchen or Phil McMahon and the Boggy Road Boys.

The dances were always by donation, which could have contributed to their eventual demise, but the model was crucial. We need public art and charging would necessarily have limited the audience to those able to pay or those who already knew they loved performing arts.

What the donation model did was allow people who weren't sure if they would like dance to give it a shot – and those who did were usually instant converts, raving to their friends and attending several nights in a row.

We owe the volunteers and the dancers a debt of gratitude for bringing this incredible experience to the shores of Head Lake for so many years.

What now?

Jim Blake, one of the key organizers of Dusk Dances, says Highlands Little Theatre is planning A Midsummer Night's Dream to be staged in the park this summer.

Whether that becomes the next annual event in the park is to be seen.

What Dusk Dances has taught us is that Haliburton wants accessible, public cultural events. We may have to scale back what we can afford, or we may need to entertain new payment models, but the demand is there.



Snow shapes

by Darren Lum

Plenty happening this March

CONGRATULATIONS to Emerson Lumber and Castle Antiques who tied for first place in the BIA Frost Fest Snowman Contest! They were awarded \$100 in free advertising courtesy of the Haliburton County Echo and the Haliburton BIA! A heartfelt thank you to all the participants for creating such fun and unique snowmen!

The 2015 Haliburton Village BIA executive is up and running and is already considering new promotions, new and enhanced beautification projects and special village events. The members of the 2015 BIA executive are: Luke Schell, chairman; Chris O'Mara-Enders, vice-chairman; Nelly Ashworth, treasurer; Nancy Wood-Roberts, Dysart et al council representative; and, members at large: Brad Park, Jenn Little, Jerry Walker, Renzo Rosati and Sharon Rowden.

One of the priorities for 2015 is the BIA website. Chris O'Mara-Enders has volunteered his much needed and valued expertise and, with a little more time to make changes and to add information on all our member businesses, we will be ready to showcase the BIA on the Internet both locally and beyond. If you have any pictures of events taking place in the Haliburton Village, please consider sharing a copy with us for our website. The BIA is always pleased to support all the non-profit groups, community organizations and special events that make Haliburton a happening place. We know that all the great work you do helps us to continue to prosper. Help us to help you. Photos can be emailed to haliburtonbia@mail.com. Also, would you like your non-profit service or group listed on our website? Let's make it happen! To get the ball rolling both ways, I would like to promote and invite you to the special March Break events at our Haliburton High-

lands Museum. Come and taste spring at Maple Fest, March 17 to 21 or how about The Life of a Leprechaun on St Patrick's Day, the Victorian Games Afternoon on March 19 and the Spring Equinox Party on the 20. For more information on all of these visit www.haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com

I would also like to invite you to attend the Haliburton and District Lions Club special in the village event for March: The Chuck Wagon Dinner and Hoedown on March 21 at the Haliburton Legion. With great entertainment by Gord Kidd and the 50/50 Band and a tasty chuck wagon dinner, you will be sure to have a great time and support the Lions Club in their many community endeavours. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Halco Electronics, Highland Street in Haliburton Village or from Lion Linda at 705-457-2064.

The Haliburton Village BIA will soon be advertising for the position of ColourFest co-ordinator for 2015. I have really enjoyed doing this for the past three years. Event planning brings with it so many opportunities for meeting and working with wonderful people! From the "ColourFest Corner" radio promos and interviews to all the organizational tasks and the satisfaction of seeing it come to fruition, I have loved belonging to my community in this unique way. So, why am I giving it up? Right now, I would like to have more time to spend during the summer with family. Will I miss it? Absolutely! No doubt I will find some new challenge at some time in the future to fill the gap! In the meantime, I am every bit as excited about the festival this year as I have been in the past and it will be fun to enjoy it as a family and as a volunteer.

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50 Shades of Earl Grey

WOULD YOU like a cup of tea?" She said this in an innocent tone, almost as if she were unaware of my predilections.

"Yes," I said, "but I think you'll find my tastes are very singular."

"Red Rose again?" she gasped.

"Yes," I said.

She nodded, but not before making me promise never to watch a *50 Shades of Grey* movie trailer again – which is good because that trailer left me confused.

I'm still not clear what that movie is about but, judging from the clip I've seen, and filling in the blanks, I'm starting to believe that it parallels my life.

For I too have to deal with what can only be described as torture.

Take this morning. All I wanted was a cup of good old Red Rose tea.

Instead I got teased.

"You sure you want that boring old pekoe?" she said.

"Yes, I am sure," I stuttered.

"But we've got black chai, Earth Teaze chai, regular chai...."

"No," I said. "Red Rose will do fine."

But she continued as if she never heard me.

"There's also Madagascar vanilla Rooibos, Bengal Spice, organic green ginger tea, or perhaps some Canadian ice wine tea?"

"No please. Red Rose."

"Really?" How about some peppermint green tea? We've got lots."

I was starting to lose my willpower. But I whispered, "Please no."

"Chamomile? Mandarin orange? Licorice spice? Cranberry? Jasmine green tea? I need someone to help me drink it all."

At this point, I was wishing we had a safe word.

"No?" she laughed playfully. "Well there is always Red Rocket breakfast tea, Tetley or many, many varieties of Earl Grey."

"I just want Red Rose," I whimpered.

It turned out this was the one tea we didn't have.

If *50 Shades of Grey* is what I think it's about, I guess this predilection isn't as uncommon as I thought. Maybe all sorts of men have to deal with the issue of too many types of strange teas in their cupboards. Maybe finally we're starting to acknowledge this sort of abuse.

It starts innocently enough. You go shopping with her and she decides that she would like something other than Red Rose – perhaps Tetley or Salada or maybe even one of those god-awful generic brands.

Deep down, you feel very uncomfortable about this. But you realize this is the time to keep an open mind and show her how adventurous you really are. So you say it.

"Hey, why don't we try an herbal tea?"

So you get home and actually submit to drinking a cup, even though it is well outside of your comfort zone. Unfortunately, this just spurs her on.

A week later, you're having chamomile tea in the living room just after dinner. And you say to yourself, "How did we get to this point?"

The next day, as you are drinking something that tastes only marginally better than paint thinner, she says, "You like it, don't you?"

And you then make the fatal mistake of saying, "I like whatever you like."

From that point on, you've relinquished control – just like in the movie, I'm told.

Fast forward a year and there's no Red Rose in the house.

Admittedly, this seems like an odd plot line for a movie, but, hey, women love their teas, right? So I'm guessing that the Hollywood marketing people took that into consideration. It's probably a movie that is rife with product placement too.

With the right photography, the wizards in the special effects department can make any tea look good – even chamomile. And I keep hearing this movie, and the book it is based on, is hot and steamy so, clearly, they're probably doing a good job.

All I hope for is that they are going to put a spotlight on the horrific plight of those of us who are loyal to one brand of tea. If they can do that, I think I might eventually watch it with the kids.

And then we'll talk about it over coffee.



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pic of the past

The original bridge over Grass River on Sawyer Trail in Stanhope Township taken in 1916, now referred to as the bridge over Gull River on Airport Road in Algonquin Highlands. The surface of the bridge was corduroy, being made of logs laid across the structure, which resulted in a bumpy ride. Submitted by Bob Chambers

letters to the editor

Politics seeping onto public sites

To the Editor,

Pierre Poutine is up to his tricks again.

I checked the Haliburton weather on Environment Canada Tuesday night and found among other links this one. "Anti-Terrorism Act 2015, How We Are Protecting Canadians" The link directed me to a list of Conservative Party talking points, but the bill is not yet law. To assume that the final form will include all those points is to disrespect the parliamentary process.

I have come to accept other links such as; "Your Taxes Online, four reasons to file your taxes online" or "Help Your Business Grow" which refer to already established programs and services.

The Terror link presumed too much.

I followed another link to comment on this in 250 characters. I emailed Tim Harper, a Toronto Star commentator, who had just written on Tuesday about Bill C-51. He confirmed the link and expressed interest, but by the late afternoon of the same day it was gone. It was replaced by "It's tax time, Get tax savings working for you."

The Conservatives slipped some of their propaganda into a public service website, the weather forecast no less.

Jim Milne
Haliburton

Games participants thank community

To the Editor,

This was our first experience in Ontario's 55+ Winter Games and it was wonderful. We would like to thank the committee for planning such a great event. The organization was incredible, right from the streamlined registration process to the closing ceremonies. Thank you to all the volun-

teers, the resorts which accommodated us and the bus drivers who made sure we got to our events safely and on time. Haliburton's hospitality was outstanding!

Steve and Norma Smith
Halton District #21

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Tap Tour

Above, with a galvanized steel bucket, its lid and spigot, the Haliburton Highlands Museum director Kate Butler, who spoke about maple syrup production in terms of pioneering time, led the Tap and Tour behind the museum building on Saturday, Feb. 28 in Haliburton. The museum is hosting Maple Fest! and Life of a Leprechaun on March 17, and Victorian Games Afternoon on March 19. See www.haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com for more information about upcoming events. /DARREN LUM Staff

Left, Haliburton Highlands Museum director Kate Butler leads the Tap and Tour behind the museum building. /DARREN LUM Staff

This Week In...

Stories from our archives

2005 (Tuesday, March 1)

Minister vows to fight for farmers

If Canada's agriculture industry is to survive, the Canadian government must help to create an environment that allows farmers to earn a living from their labours, the federal Minister of Agriculture told a receptive group of local farmers in Haliburton.

Responding to criticism that the Liberal government's recent budget made only one reference to agriculture, the minister said, "As Minister of Agriculture, I'm the advocate for you folks. I don't necessarily win all the battles [but] I'll always be there, engage in whatever battle need to be waged. Rural Canada contributes significantly to what we are as a country."

Organic farmer Godfrey Tyler, the only farmer from Haliburton County at the meeting, said he would be happy if he could sell his products more easily at home.

"We have Sobeys and Loblaw's [in Haliburton] and I can't do business with them," he said.

Tyler also highlighted the numerous bureaucracies that farmers have to deal with. "I have GST, PST, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of Agriculture, local governments. Everyone wants a piece of me and my money and my time but I'm not getting paid a fair price for my crops..."

The minister said he'd asked his press secretary to help come up with a way to deal with the issue of the long-term decline in farm income.

1995 (Tuesday, March 7)

MNR decision could hinder tourism

The Ministry of Natural Resources' plan to preserve and restore trout populations in area lakes would mean the end of the line for winter tourism in Halib-

burton County, resort operators and anglers warned.

The MNR announced it would close off 43 lakes in the Minden area to winter fishing. Another 42 lakes would have new summer and winter catch restrictions, which fishermen and resort owners predicted would drive away visitors and spell doom for the county's tourism industry.

"It is going to kill us. They may as well just say let's close down tourism on Hwy 35 all the way up to Huntsville. With the snowmobile trails in such terrible shape all year again we have had to rely on other sources of income - which is ice fishing. You take away those three months of the season and I'm finished" said Red Umbrella resort operator Rick Tustin.

Many fishermen were skeptical about why the Ministry was cutting off restocking programs. While MNR biologists said the restocking programs were tampering with the genetic make-up of the fish species, critics viewed it as yet another cutback measure by the provincial government.

"Part of me says this is just another NDP budget cut to MNR spending but another part of me says that I'm not a biologist and maybe this is the right thing," said Ted Vasey, president of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association.

Dan Buhl, a director of the local OFAH chapter said the slot size limits would create the opposite effect of the MNR's intention. Like Tustin, he warned that anglers would flock to other prominent fisheries in Ontario. "It will just devastate tourism here."

Chamber president Brian Dean said that he and new board member Peter Schleifenbaum - co-owner of the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve - would come up with an alternative solution. Otherwise, the new fishing restrictions, combined with private forest owners' threat to bar access to winter trails next year, "will be the death knell for tourism in the county. It would definitely spell the end of the things," said Dean.

Online Opinions: Tweets and messages from readers

What are your plans for March Break?

Andrea Whaling
Skiing at Sir Sam's with our kids!

Carol Ann Darling
Going to Disney World!

ImSure Underwood
Curling in the Child +1 (family) bonspiel at the Wilberforce Curling Club March 14th!

Maria Paterson
Winter camping with students at Bark Lake Leadership Centre.

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Community Builders

Sharon Middlehurst

JENN WATT

Editor

Sharon Middlehurst's volunteerism started with a love of the stitch. As a child she would do sewing projects on a Singer treadle machine in 4H and home economics class. She made her own clothes and then later she made her kids' clothes.

Then something changed.

"My husband bought me a computerized machine and that just opened up a whole new world – a whole new world," she says. A serger, allowing her to create hems and seams, quickly followed.

"So then I was learning so much that I wanted to share it so I started to teach," she says. She taught all over the Orangeville area, even conducting a course at Mohawk College.

To learn more and keep up with her craft, she enrolled in a summer course at Haliburton School of the Arts and fell in love with the Highlands.

In 2004, she and her husband Dennis relocated to Haliburton County and Middlehurst soon became involved with the local quilt guild.

"The first thing I did was came up with this idea of a Dream Quilt," she says.

In 1940, her grandmother had won a signature quilt in a raffle and Sharon always wondered who the people were whose names adorned the blanket.

"I thought I'd like to do one for Haliburton County and everybody who put their name on the quilt would have to write a little story about their connection to Haliburton County," she says.

Two years and countless volunteer hours later (from Middlehurst and a small group of others), the project was complete. It had 752 names, two thick binders filled with biographies and raised more than \$18,500 for Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery Initiative.

The finished product was unveiled at the Minden quilt show in 2008 and written up in *Canadian Quilter Magazine*.

Soon after that project was complete, Middlehurst's son, Christopher Rusk, who is a soldier in the Canadian Forces, asked her if she would be interested in contributing to an organization called Quilts of Valor.

Quilts of Valor gathers donated quilts and gives them to wounded soldiers.

Middlehurst was quick to jump on the project, as were other quilt guild members, who sent over 60 blankets.

"I was watching the news one night and there were four wounded soldiers coming off the plane and they all had their quilts of valor on them," she says. It was a moving experience. The guild subsequently received letters from soldiers who expressed their thanks to be wrapped in blankets symbolizing love and support from well-wishing strangers.

Then someone asked Middlehurst why the guild hadn't made anything for local veterans.

You can guess what happened.

The guild sewed up 23 quilts for the Minden Legion and then 32 for Haliburton.

The guild has also done 304 placemats for Meals on Wheels recipients through Community Care Haliburton County and 54 lap quilts supporting the organization's Home to Stay program.

As if that isn't enough, it also creates quilts for those who are piecing their lives back together after a fire.

Middlehurst's Ingoldsby home includes an impressive sewing space filled with bolts of cloth, sewing machines and spools of thread, but surprisingly she only sews for charity.

Another passion of hers is the United Church Women. She is the president of that organization at the Ingoldsby church. UCW donates regularly to a host of local charities including Food for Kids, Community Care, SIRCH, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and many, many others.

And much to Middlehurst's delight, they also have craft sales where she sells clothes and blankets for charity.

(Middlehurst says the UCW is always happy to take donations of cloth they can use to make more items to sell for charity.)



Sharon Middlehurst has been sewing her whole life and turned her love of creating quilts and garments into an active volunteer vocation in the Highlands. /JENN WATT Staff

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Blackfly Theatre brings Harvest to Wilberforce

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

A marriage, a farm and a fire truck.

It may seem like these three things have nothing in common but they are all playing a starring role in this weekend's fundraiser at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce.

On March 6 and 7 the Loop Troupe and Blackfly Theatre are presenting *Harvest*, a two-act Canadian play written by Ken

Cameron.

"It's a true story that he wrote about his parents leaving the family farm and retiring and renting the farmhouse," said Pippa Strachan, one of the founders of Blackfly Theatre. "What happens after that is a crisis that's funny, very difficult and ultimately probably brings a long marriage relationship full circle ... to realize how important they are to each other."

Based out of Bancroft, Blackfly Theatre was founded 10 years ago by partners Dan Boileau and Strachan, who both star in the production.

Harvest is a comedy that was written for

two actors, according to Cameron's website.

"What's unusual about this play is that two people play all the characters," said Strachan. "It's fast, very theatrical, really entertaining."

The play has been performed previously in Bancroft, with the couple hoping to take it to Apsley next.

The role is one Strachan has immensely enjoyed, due to the quality of writing by Cameron and the subject matter.

"It's a very relevant show," she said. "It looks at farming today and the problems ... and a long marriage and how people do

together in a crisis."

Aside from the performance, the evening will include a silent auction and refreshments, with proceeds going to support the recently formed Highlands East Fire Heritage Committee.

The group is working to restore an antique, 1952 Ford pumper truck, which belongs to the municipality.

Tickets for the show are \$12 and can be purchased at Agnew's General Store in Wilberforce or at the door.

Show time is 7:30 p.m.

Dysart draft budget sees OPP increase absorbed by taxation

Roads and infrastructure to account for much of council's spending

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

The numbers are coming in and as expected, the OPP billing increase will be hitting taxpayers hard.

A draft budget released at last week's council meeting by Dysart et al treasurer Barbara Swannell gives an estimate of expenditures and revenues for 2015.

The draft estimates this year's expenses will ring in around \$11.7 million.

One of the biggest expected expenses is the cost of area roads, with the transporta-

tion services component making up for 36 per cent of overall expenditures.

Much of the cost is spent on maintaining area roads and infrastructure.

The 2015 transportation budget is \$4.2 million, up from 2014.

"We've experienced quite a harsh year in 2014 with the flooding in the summer and the extreme snowfall in the winter, so we have built in a more realistic number for those types of events for 2015," said the treasurer.

Coming in second is the environmental services portion, costing the municipality about \$2.4 million, with protective services in a close third at \$2.2 million.

Protective services was one area in particular that saw a jump in costs this year due to the increase in the OPP billing model, which was changed by the province last year.

In 2014 the municipality budgeted \$1,150,408 for police expenses, paying in actuality \$1,140,056. For 2015 police expense has been budgeted at \$1,440,285.

"That there represents about \$298,000 increase," she said. "That is a definite."

The municipality is planning on absorbing that cost in the tax rate, according to the treasurer.

"It will translate into a tax increase," said Swannell.

Still under discussion, the draft budget also includes about \$1.3 million allocated for recreation and culture, just over half a million on planning and development and \$2.4 million on environmental services.

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— BARBARA SWANNELL,
DYSART ET AL TREASURER

General government is budgeted at close to \$900,000, including council and staff wages.

The revenue streams in the draft budget for Dysart include almost \$2 million in grants and payments in lieu, \$3.2 million in other non-tax revenue and \$6.5 million in municipal taxation.

The draft budget is still under review at this time, said Swannell.

"Nothing has been finalized."

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School to put Teens In Control

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is offering Teens In Control (TIC) to senior students on Thursday, March 26.

This full day event is being hosted by YMCA Wanakita, which will facilitate recreational activities and HHSS peer led and community member supported workshops.

HHSS teacher Rebekah Borgdorff spoke to several senior classes on Wednesday, Feb. 25 calling it a "big decision" that could lead to similar events by showing "the powers that be" that this is what they want more of in the future.

Students have two options: to attend

the TIC or come to school and take regular classes.

On March 26, the Grade 9s will be writing a mock literacy test while Grade 10s will be writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test leaving the senior students with time on their hands. It also addresses a move to improve school climate and student wellness.

Students at TIC will be organized in groups of 15 to 20 students.

The itinerary includes an hour of low ropes in the morning to encourage teamwork. Participants can be involved as much or as little as they want, depending on personal comfort levels, which will be followed by a provided lunch, the Higher Minds assembly presented by Youth-Speak performance charity of Toronto, who will present a multimedia presentation.

This will focus on drug and alcohol awareness and encourage youth to think about their decisions relative to early drug experimentation, including a focus on safe partying and healthy relationships.

During the afternoon there will be a variety of peer led and community member supported workshops. Some examples are healthy relationships, addictions, stress, sex education and mental health. Each group will participate in two of these offerings.

Borgdorff remembers being a student when the school had carnival days that allowed students to participate in recreation activities during school days.

She enjoyed these days away from school, and says they were great for spirit. It was important for morale at the school. However, when students used the days

to skip and showed little interest in using the days for what they were intended for, they were cancelled.

Bringing back carnival days may not happen right away, but going to this event and showing support is a step in that direction, she said.

"You have to start from somewhere," she said. "Let's bring it back."

TIC is being supported by a \$900 Speak Up grant, an outdoor education grant through Trillium Lakelands District School Board worth \$4,500.

The community members included at the event will be the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre, Point in Time, OPP, public health unit and Sexual Health Team, Victim Services -VCARS, Haliburton Highlands Health Services emergency staff and the YWCA.

New SIRCH program satisfies both participants and the public

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

They say nothing in life is free, but during every Monday for the next few months that isn't true.

A new SIRCH program called Cook it

Up kicked off Monday, offering members of the public a free, three-course lunch.

Held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Cook it Up gives underemployed and unemployed residents a chance to learn new kitchen skills and more by preparing a meal and serving it to guests.

The initiative takes place at Baked and Battered, which is typically closed

on Mondays and offering the space to SIRCH.

Apart from teaching new skills, Cook it Up will give participants the opportunity to earn certifications and work experience, preparing them for the future.

A former bakery employee, Naureen Loft was seeking more restaurant skills to add to her resume and saw Cook it Up as a great way to expand her horizons.

"It's a lot of fun," she said.

Skills the participants learn include menu planning, grocery shopping, food preparation, customer service and more.

In addition, trainees will complete a safe food handling course, as well as workshops through the employment centre.

The program serves up a full, healthy meal, which lunch goers can opt to take out. Each week will feature a different menu theme.

Cook it Up takes place every Monday from now until the week before the Victoria Day long weekend. There is no cost or reservation required.



Naureen Loft scoops up a spoon of greek salad at the inaugural Cook it Up held at Baked and Battered on March 2. An initiative of SIRCH, Cook it Up is a new program designed to help unemployed and underemployed residents of Haliburton County learn kitchen skills and more. The program participants serve up a free lunch to the public every Monday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Visitors from Toronto, Peter Bangarth and Melanie Tait enjoy a free lunch on Monday, March 2 at the inaugural SIRCH Cook it Up event. The first week of the program featured a Greek themed menu, with items such as Greek pasta salad, pork souvlaki and a yogurt parfait.

/ANGELICA BLENICH Staff



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Cops take on kids in light-hearted game

The police and student teams gathered for a photo following the annual OPP versus Grade 8s game on Friday, Feb. 20 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. JDHES students and the public cheered on their favourites in the community outreach event. This game has been held for more than 20 years. A hockey stick donated by Minden's Canadian Tire, which supplied the pucks and water bottles, was signed by the OPP team's players and presented to the elementary school. County Signs applied the OPP logos to the pucks.

An OPP player attempts to backhand a shot past the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School goalie in the annual OPP versus the Grade 8s on Friday, Feb. 20 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. JDHES students and the public cheered on their favourites in the community outreach event. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Province funds Head Lake bridge rehabilitation

JENN WATT
Editor

Last week the provincial government announced more than \$780,000 to go towards rehabilitating the Head Lake bridge in Haliburton Village.

The money, which is coming from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund will cover 54 per cent of the net approved cost for the structure, which has long been a priority of the county.

Until now, efforts to get grant funding had been unsuccessful and the project deemed unaffordable at an expected \$1.5 million.

In the fall, roads director Doug Ray told county council that a crack in one of the pier caps had widened significantly.

County chief administrative officer Jim Wilson said he expected the county's next move would be getting engineering and other preparations done in order to put together a tender. He said the hope would be to have work start on the bridge in

early 2016.

Updated reports on the funding and next steps will come to county council on March 11.

In addition to the infusion for the county, the municipality of Highlands East also received a welcome announcement that it would receive more than \$283,000 to replace a bridge on the Irondale River.

According to Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, the bridge to be replaced is an old single-lane structure.

"It served its purpose, served its time and it's time to replace it," he said.

A few years ago, Highlands East put a new deck on the bridge, but Burton said a full replacement is needed to maintain safety.

Seventy-six other projects also received funding in last week's announcement. The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund provides \$100 million a year in funding for various infrastructure projects. To be eligible, municipalities must have fewer than 100,000 people or be located in northern or rural Ontario.



Conditions were ideal at last year's Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby at Pinestone Resort. This year the race takes place March 7 and 8 at the same location. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

Mushers headed to Haliburton for the joy of it

JENN WATT AND DARREN LUM
Reporters

This year, mushers and their teams of dogs will come to Haliburton to race for the sense of competition and the fun, but not the money.

The annual Dogsled Derby held at the Pinestone has no purse, meaning no prizes will be awarded to participants, however, the mushers have indicated they want to race in the Highlands regardless of the money.

Because the organizers of the derby – Hank DeBruin and Tanya McCready-DeBruin – are also avid racers themselves, the status of the races were up in the air until a couple of weeks ago. That left little time for finding sponsors and cash for the purse.

"With this short of time frame before the event, it leaves little time to raise money to have a purse for the races," McCready-

DeBruin wrote in an email to the *Echo*.

"We put it out to the mushers if they would still want to come even if there was no prize money to race for and received an overwhelming 'yes' with many kind compliments about the races from the mushers."

She said they didn't want to disappoint those anxious to race and decided to go ahead with the races.

This weekend, March 7 and 8, the grounds of the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre will be filled with teams of all sizes and ages including the popular kid and mutt, youth and novice, skijoring (skiing with dogs), four-, six- and eight-dog races, purebred and Alaskan categories.

Registration numbers aren't yet known; last year there were 100 teams competing.

McCready-DeBruin thanked community sponsors and supporters for their help, specifically mentioning Haliburton Tim-Bermart, the Haliburton Nordic Club and Parker Pad and Printing.

High speed Internet strategy includes expanding usage, training

JENN WATT
Editor

A new digital strategy for eastern Ontario released last week pledges to improve mobile broadband access, boost the economy through high-speed Internet technology and increase the number of residents using the rural broadband network.

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), the organization responsible for the \$170-million high-speed Internet expansion that was completed last fall, put together the 10-year strategy document.

"The digital strategy aims to build on our success by making sure that the network keeps pace with changing demands," Highlands East Reeve and EORN chairman Dave Burton said in a press release.

The document sets three goals: increasing user uptake, improving broadband access and demonstrating technology leadership.

The strategy suggests that a competition may be launched with a cash prize "for technology companies to develop practical tech solutions for challenges

faced by citizens in the region."

It also talks about kiosks where people can access Internet services, increased online training to promote new technology to citizens, business and government.

The strategy mentions conducting an analysis of where gaps in mobile broadband and cell coverage are throughout the eastern Ontario region and says EORN will "build [a] case for mobile broadband expansion if required."

EORN was created by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus to improve access to high-speed Internet.

"We are pleased that more than 99 per cent of residents and businesses can access high-speed Internet as a result of the project," EOWC chairman Eric Duncan says in the release. "High-speed Internet access is a critical tool for our regional economic development strategy, which aims to create thriving communities in eastern Ontario."

An EORN backgrounder document says that the broadband project is Ontario's largest rural broadband network, which serves one million people over 50,000 square kilometres.

Coming Events



Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby
March 7 & 8, 2015 Pinestone Resort

Friday March 6th

7 pm Registration (outside Highlanders Pub)
8 pm Welcome & bib Draw (Highlanders Pub)

Saturday March 7th

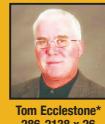
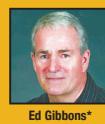
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10:15 am 4 Dog Race
11:45 am 2 Dog Skijoring
12:45 pm Kid & Mutt
1:15 pm 6 Dog Race
2:30 pm Youth Race
3:15 pm 8 Dog Race

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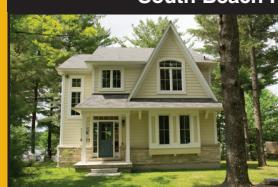
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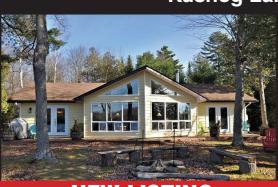
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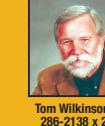
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Sports



Red Hawks forward Kenndal Marsden watches her shot beat Hurricanes goalie Rosie Aiello during the shootout for the 2-1 win after the Kawartha High School playoffs game ended 1-1 on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks came back from a one-goal deficit to tie and then win it. Hawks goalie Connor Marsden stopped one penalty shot with close to two minutes left in regulation and all three shootout shots to preserve the win. /DARREN LUM Staff

Success starts and finishes with the team

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When it comes to credit the Red Hawks girls' varsity hockey team loves to share it.

There is never just one hero because the team's success has been dependent on the collective of 14 players that goes beyond highlights, shutouts or goals.

Most recently, following the 2-1 Kawartha playoff win (via a shootout after a five minute overtime) against the Holy Cross Hurricanes on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton, their head coach Dan Marsden expounded on the unified efforts of his team on the day.

Although it started with a 3-0 loss to the St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School Saints, the team rallied to end the day with a win.

Marsden loved how his team battled back from the 1-0 deficit in the first period when Hawks player Cassidy Garbutt, who was assisted on the goal by Kenndal Marsden and Sydney Cameron, scored the important equalizer with 4:36 left in the second.

"We showed some heart to come back and tie it up because we don't play very well when we're behind and we said we got to try and find a second gear," he said. "Just keep moving the feet. That was a big thing we said all year."

When it comes to playing teams with more depth, he said, the key was to be aggressive, move the feet, which leads to moving the puck.

"It was exciting for the girls. I'm excited for the girls to be able to get to COSSA. Now it's another chance. We had a goal to make Kawartha so we had that push on and that worked out. So, now we made it to COSSA and we're at the AA, which is where we wanted to be. It gives us another chance to try and get that extra win to maybe make some other [special] things happen this year. Things keep happening it's nice they keep lining up for us," he said.

For this game and the morning loss against the Saints, Hawks goalie Connor Marsden was a standout, keeping it close (only allowing two goals) and making highlight saves.

Connor Marsden, who was solid all game, not only made three consecutive saves during the shootout, but also on a penalty shot awarded to the Hurricanes with close to two minutes left in regulation to preserve the 1-1 tie.



Red Hawks forward Kelsey Maracle tries to move the puck past Hurricanes goalie Rosie Aiello during the shootout after the Kawartha High School playoffs game ended 1-1 on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks came back from a one-goal deficit to tie and then win it 2-1 by way of a shootout.

Red Hawks go deep into COSSA playoffs

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Special to the Echo

After qualifying to go to the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) championships for the first time in 11 years, on Thursday, Feb. 26, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior basketball team suffered a defeat at the hands of St. Paul High School of Trenton on St. Paul's home court, 51-39. In order to qualify for the COSSA playoffs, the Red Hawks defeated the St. Thomas Titans, 47-29 on Tuesday, Feb. 24. The Red Hawks then defeated Port Hope on Port Hope's home court 47-31. These were two impressive wins, Hawks head coach Dave Waito indicated the team played its best game of the year against Port Hope, especially when considering that they had their fewest turnovers of the year, only 10. Coach Waito was very proud of the team's effort to qualify for COSSA, a significant stride forward in the high school basketball program.

The game against St. Paul was actually much closer than the final score indicated, with the Red Hawks leading at halftime, 12-11. Both teams had stifling defences

in the first half. The Red Hawks trailed at the end of three quarters, 27-20. The difference was on the offensive backboards in the second half, St. Paul often having second and third opportunities to score with each possession. In addition, the Red Hawks committed 24 turnovers during the game. The players recognized that both the rebounding and the turnovers were the main reasons for the loss. HHSS played well throughout the game and it was a disappointing loss for the players.

The Hawks were led in scoring by Nick Thompson with 14 points. Nick also led the team with 12 rebounds. Coach Dave Waito said this was, by far, Nick's best game of the year. Nick was followed in rebounding by Cody Bain, who had six rebounds. Will Stephenson had nine points, Cody Bain seven, Jalen Campbell four, Hunter Smith three points and Angus Sullivan had two points. Nick Thompson and Hunter Smith led the team with three steals each.

Overall the Red Hawks finished the season with a record of 9-13 and 5-5 in their conference. This was a stark improvement over last year when their record was 0-17. The players had much to be proud of this season, progressing substantially, both individually and as a team. In fact, the Red Hawks actually weren't that far

from being the COSSA champions, since St. Paul only lost the championship title game in overtime by one point. Late in the fourth quarter, the score in the Red Hawks' game was St. Paul 39, the Hawks 36 after a three-point field goal by Will Stephenson. The Falcons from St. Paul then closed out the game with a 12-3 run, sealing the win.

Coach Waito indicated that he is really proud of this team and especially the seniors, two of whom were co-captains, Smith and Sullivan. Hawks players Stephenson, Bain, Thompson and Matt O'Reilly closed out their senior year at the COSSA championship playoff. Actually qualifying for COSSA was a huge accomplishment for this team, since that had not happened for the Red Hawks since 2004! Coach Waito is already looking forward to next year and going further in the COSSA playoffs.

Heart is at the root of success for team

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"She just seems to be able to make the big saves when need be," he said, referring to "calm nerves."

Coach Marsden remembers his daughter making three saves during the shootout in at tournament in Lake Placid, New York.

When the game ended 1-1 after a five minute overtime coach Marsden had to choose three shooters for the shootout.

Among his shooters included forward Kenndal, who spent a few minutes lying on the ice with an upper body injury earlier in the game. She ended up leaving the ice, but later returned to play the rest of the game.

"I said, 'How's your wrist?' She said it was okay. I said, 'Are you sure? If you can't shoot I'm not putting you in. I can shoot,' she said," he said. "It was a sniveler, a squeaker, but they all count when they go past the line."

As far as his shootout selections (Kelsey Maracle and Erin Little), it came down to who he thought had the "hands and patience."

If the shootout continued he said he would have looked to Cameron, who he hadn't seen take a shootout, and Sydney Feir.

"You have to go with your gut at times," he said.

If Alicia McLean weren't left with a few seconds from her penalty at the end of overtime, he would have also added her, as she got the first goal in the shootout at the Lake Placid tournament.

Marsden confirmed the program is ending after this season and that this was the last home game.

His daughter Kenndal echoed the team sentiment mentioned by her dad when asked about her clutch shootout goal, which helped propel the team into the COSSA championship as an AA school – a loss would have relegated the team to play up in the AAA school category at COSSA.

"At first I didn't realize it went in so I wasn't sure if I should celebrate. But when I saw it go in I first turned around to see if my sister had stopped the other team. And when she did I was pretty excited. It was a team effort though and I'm looking forward to spending COSSA with all of the girls," she wrote in an email. "We are a team that encourages each other, and plays with heart. We have grown up together which I believe makes us stronger as a whole. We are confident, and always try to go into a game with a positive attitude," she said.



Red Hawks forward Alex Litwin, far left, carries the puck into the St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School Saints zone, as teammate Sydney Feir follows the play during the Kawartha High School Championship playoffs on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Saints scored close to midway through the second to break a 0-0 deadlock. It was all they needed despite offensive pressure and scoring chances from the Red Hawks. The Saints won 3-0.

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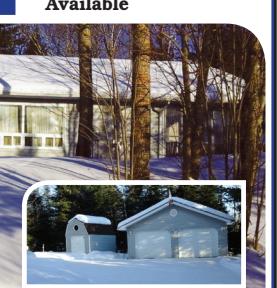
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The Red Hawks boys' hockey team celebrates a (3-1) shootout win over the visiting AAA classified St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School on Thursday, Feb. 26 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Overtime ended 5-5, forcing the three players (Matt Wilbee, Joel Fedeski and Curtis Ballantyne) shootout to break the tie. This was the Hawks' second consecutive AAA Kawartha championship and the second only title since it started in 1967./DARREN LUM Staff

Hawks boys' hockey team makes history

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It all came down to the shootout after overtime ended at a deadlock.

For the second week in a row the Red Hawks boys' hockey team took a game past overtime and needed the shootout to win a playoff game.

This time the Hawks defeated the visiting St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School Saints (3-1) in the shootout to win their second consecutive AAA Kawartha High School Hockey League championship title and second in school history since 1967.

The team will battle for a chance to win the AA Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship semi-final on Monday, March 2 at 10 a.m. the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

All of the Hawks shooters (Matt Wilbee, Joel Fedeski and Curtis Ballantyne, who had two points (one goal and one assist) in the shootout scored to secure the title over the AAA classified Saints and the 6-5 win.

Red Hawks coach Ron Yake was all smiles and was relishing the moment despite the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship semi-finals on Monday morning, March 2 at 10 a.m. at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

"I'm enjoying today right now. I'm not worrying about the next one," he said, smiling. "Enjoy this because it doesn't happen. When it does happen you have to enjoy it," he said, referring to the historical significance.

He adds winning earlier in the morning and then winning by overcoming the "adversity" in the Saints game, whether it was penalties or his team "getting riled."

"Whenever your team is in a chance to win a championship it's exciting. Win or lose it's always exciting and you have to thank the hockey gods when the puck goes in the net for you," he said.

He laughed about loving the shootout.

"I'd rather win by three goals, but I love the shootouts because we've won both of them," he said.

The Hawks' Noah Dollo, who finished with two points (one goal and one assist) got the home fans cheering when he scored to narrow the Saints' 2-0 lead built upon two quick goals minutes into the game.

The Saints added another to stretch the lead to 3-1 early in the second period.

It seemed like the special teams played the entire game, as both couldn't stay out of the penalty box. There were at least 40 minutes of penalties served by the Saints and the Hawks in the game that gave the scorekeepers a workout.

When the Saints were assessed a pair of majors (four and five minutes), the Hawks took advantage by scoring



Red Hawks winger Joel Fedeski, left in white, attempts to break by Saints defenceman Josh Lorentz during the Kawartha AAA championship on Thursday, Feb. 26 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Fedeski, who finished with a pair of assists, scored an important shootout goal to help win the game after it ended 5-5 after a five minute overtime. /DARREN LUM Staff

three goals.

The first came with six seconds left in the second from forward Connor Dollo, the tying goal and go-ahead goal from a low shot early in the third period from the point taken by defenceman Chris Hall, who finished with three points (two goals and an assist).

"We kind of drew something on the board for five on three and, whoa, did it ever work," he said.

The three goals gave the Hawks a 4-3 lead.

Feeding off the momentum, the Hawks centreman Ballantyne added another goal while on four on three after a Hawks player was penalized for a two minute penalty.

Before the third, the coach reminded his players to stay focused.

"I said you got to keep your heads on straight. You got to stay disciplined and you can't start running around out there because you don't feel like you're getting the right call or anything like that. That's probably the key in high school hockey. They've got to keep their heads on straight and they did," he said.

As the game crept (for Hawks fans) closer to the end, the Saints returned to discipline play and started to apply the pressure while on the five-on-five.

With 5:29 left in the third, the Saints player Peter Mac-

Kenzie scored on a screen shot, 5-4. The worst for a Hawks fan happened, as the Saints player Jesse Merrill scored on a low backhander with a little over two minutes left in the game to send the game to overtime.

Although the Hawks regained their focus in the overtime, even coming close to winning the game, except having the goal disallowed when the net was dislodged, the game was sent to three players shootout.

Hawks goalie Jordan Hamilton allowed the first goal, but turned away the last two while his teammates Wilbee (one assist as well), Fedeski and Ballantyne all scored to take the title. Defenceman Max MacNaull tallied one assist in the win.

Yake thought this game had everything that is possible in a game.

The only thing missing was a fight, which doesn't really happen in high school hockey, he joked.

He appreciated how his team was able to overcome the 2-0 and the 3-1 deficits.

"It means a lot because we haven't had a lot of that this year. We've had a lot of success, but we haven't had to come back too many times. We've had a lot [of games] with the lead so [this] is a good one for us," he said.



Hawks OFSAA bound

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

There might not have been the same kind of drama as the Kawartha final at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) championship final, but that doesn't make the win any less important for the Red Hawks boys' hockey team.

When you win 10-3 over the Campbellford Flames in the final and take a 7-2 lead into the third period, it's hard not to feel like a game is over before it's over.

However the significance of the COSSA win isn't lost on Hawks coach Ron Yake, who enjoyed the win with his team.

He said this is the second COSSA title in as many years and only the third since 2007.

Yake thought the game was closer than it first appears. Although he said his team had the edge mentally and handled the penalty kill better for this game and all the playoffs for Kawartha and COSSA.

Part of the plan, he said, was to attack the Flames with his best line for his team and the Kawartha Hockey League of Noah Dollo, Curtis Ballantyne and Joel Fedeski.

This Hawks line put the pressure on and provided the first goal coming from Ballantyne at 13:42 of the first from Fedeski. The team, who followed up with this line's energy, ended up with three goals (Devon Upton and Fedeski) in the first period because of this strategy.

The Flames couldn't keep pace with the team's depth and pace. Yake points out the strength of his three forward lines, his tandem of goalies and the defence has been a key to the team's success this season.

The visitors didn't respond until the second period when they scored on a five-on-three powerplay advantage.

A disallowed goal less than a minute later added to the Flames' frustrations, who felt like the officials were penalizing them more than they deserved.

At the 7:12 mark of the second, Hawks Fedeski scored his second and the eventual game-winner to put the home side

up 4-1 with 11 seconds left on a powerplay.

Hawks goalie Jordan Hamilton did his part, making a toe save on a breakaway (along with several others), keeping the score 4-1 and leaving the Flames with additional frustration.

As the last minutes wore on in the period, the Hawks added three more goals (all on the powerplay by Ballantyne, Connor Dollo, Matt Wilbee) before the Flames got one back to make it 7-2 with under two minutes left in the period.

The rest of the game was a formality, as the Hawks played out the rest of the clock and then added two more (Ballantyne, who finished with a hat-trick, and Noah Dollo) through puck movement despite the Flames switching goalies early in the third.

The Hawks will leave for Pembroke this coming Monday, March 9 for the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association tournament. There is a 16 team field that will compete in round-robin play. To advance to the quarterfinal playoffs, teams will vie for the top two positions of the four-team pools.

COSSA semi-finals

Earlier in the morning, in the game before the final, the Red Hawks easily beat the second seed of the Quinte Region, the St. Paul Falcons 9-2.

The Falcons scored an early goal at the 8:52 mark of the first. It came after sustained pressure by the Hawks in the Falcons end.

This was the lone glimmer of light in an otherwise dark game for the visitors, who couldn't respond to an outpouring of goals from the red and white that struck for eight unanswered goals. The Falcons added one more late in the third.

Hawks goalie Logan Churko wasn't busy, but was steady, even making a few spectacular saves and appeared far sharper than the Kawartha championship playoff game when he was pulled after the first period.

Red Hawks defenceman Ryan Hill, left, attempts to cover Flames player Nate Daukley, as he tries to beat goalie Jordan Hamilton, who was solid, in the COSSA championship final on Monday, March 2 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

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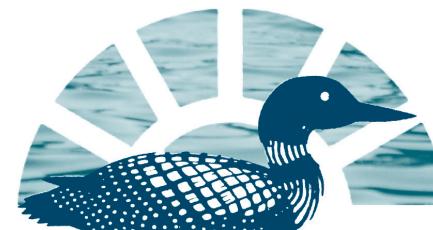
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Township of Algonquin Highlands

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Junior boys Red Hawks basketball players earn silver at COSSA A championship

The junior boys basketball team finished their season on a strong note by capturing the Kawartha A Championship Feb. 24 and almost bringing home the gold in the COSSA final on Feb. 26. The team travelled to Port Hope to compete for the Kawartha championship against our season rivals from Brock High School. The teams split the season series which made this matchup extremely intense. The boys came out a little nervous in the first quarter and found themselves down 13-8 heading into the second quarter. We picked up our defensive play and finished ahead at the half 16-15. The floodgates opened in the third quarter as the Red Hawks outscored the Bulldogs 26-12 and then cruised to a 42-27 victory. The win put the team into the COSSA A semifinal against Quinte Christian School from Belleville. Once again, the boys let their defence dictate their offence. At the end of the half, the Red Hawks were up 20-8 and never looked back winning 31-19. This put us into the COSSA A Championship against St. Paul's Secondary from Trenton. In the first half, our guard play on the defensive end was fantastic and we finished the half with a 16-15 lead. Sadly, our legs gave out in the fourth quarter to a rested St. Paul's team (they had a bye into the final because Brock could not attend the COSSA semifinals as the Kawartha second seed) and the boys could not hold on. Final score St. Paul's 37, HHSS 23. Congrats to:

Shane O'Reilly – 18 points in the Kawartha final, 10

points in the COSSA semi, 10 points in the final, and too many rebounds for coaches to count!

Chris Thompson – 14 points in the Kawartha final, 12 points in the COSSA semi, eight points in the final, and too many rebounds for coaches to count!

Owen Patterson-Smith – two points and six assists in the Kawartha final, four points and four assists in the COSSA semi, and two points and four assists in the final plus tenacious defence.

Sam Longo – four points and six assists in the Kawartha final, five assists in the COSSA semi, and four points and six assists in the final plus tenacious defence.

Nick Placido – three assists in the Kawartha final, three assists in the COSSA semi, and two assists in the final plus tenacious defence and timely rebounds.

Brandon Verstege – two points and two assists in the Kawartha final plus tenacious defence.

Parker Smolen – four points and three assists in the COSSA semi plus tenacious defence.

Jordan Lapierre – tenacious defence all season.

Cam Little – tenacious defence all season.

Coaches Dan Lapierre, Sam Little and Paul Longo are very proud of you boys! We are already looking forward to our skills development sessions starting in April as we prepare for next season! See you at Monday night ball.

Submitted by Paul Longo



Sports Briefs



Township of Algonquin Highlands requires a Stanhope Heritage Day Event Coordinator

The Township of Algonquin Highlands welcomes applications for a temporary contract position for a Stanhope Heritage Day Coordinator.

Working with the Stanhope Museum Committee, the Stanhope Heritage Day Coordinator will use new and existing resources to organize, coordinate and promote the 12th Annual Stanhope Heritage Day to be held on **Saturday, July 18, 2015**.

The preferred candidate should possess the following qualifications:

- Excellent interpersonal, project management, organizational and communication skills.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and email.
- Knowledge of, and connections to, the local craft and artisan community.
- Basic understanding of event promotion, advertising and social media.

Contract Value: \$3,000.00 (under review)

We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please submit your resume in confidence by **3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2015** to:

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705-489-2379 Ext. 222 Email – abird@algonquinhighlands.ca

Mixed results in curling

In a nail-biting game that came down to the last rock, the boys' curling team was eliminated from the Kawarthas. The team's lead Dan Murdoch, second Sebastian Muli-Delamarre, vice Sam Pilcher, and skip Cody Williams displayed excellent play and sportsmanship. On the ladies' side, outstanding play from lead Alanna Casper, second Wilhelmina Kocot, vice Tori Hawley, and skip Alyssa Denyer led to victory and qualified the team for the Kawartha championship.

Congratulations to the HHSS ladies' curling team. After two stellar games, the ladies will move on to COSSA.

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Minor hockey



The Highland Storm's peewee A player Benn MacNaull, right, battles an Elmvale Wolves player for a loose puck during a playoff game on Sunday, March 1 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Storm beat Elmvale 3-2 with only 37 seconds left in overtime to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five playoff series. They will play again this Friday, March 6 in Elmvale.

/DARREN LUM Staff

Peewee Storm overwhelms Elmvale

The Minden Pharmasave Peewee A team faced off against the Elmvale Coyotes for their first two games of the OMHA semi-finals ending the weekend with two wins under their belts.

On Friday the Peewee team travelled to Elmvale for the first game of the series. The teams were well matched and battled back and forth with Elmvale scoring the only goal in the first period. The second period went scoreless. After the flood for the third period, the Highland Storm Minden Pharmasave Peewees took the ice with a new found determination scoring three goals in 10 minutes. Goals scored by Joe Boice (unassisted), Benn MacNaull (unassisted) and Isaac Little (assisted by Ryan Hall).

On Sunday, March 1 the Highland Storm Minden Pharmasave Peewees hosted in Haliburton for Game 2 of the series. A very back and forth game kept the fans on the edge of their seats. The first goal scored by Elmvale was quickly answered by Storm defenceman Alex Little (assisted by Tyson Clements). Another goal for Elmvale was again answered by Alex Little (assisted by Benn MacNaull) to tie up the game for a second time.

The game went into sudden death overtime and just when it looked as though the game would be left in a tie, Zach Morissette (assisted by Isaac Little and Joe Boice) scored with only 37 seconds remaining. Well done, boys!

Next game is Friday, March 6 in Elmvale.

Submitted by Jennifer Little

Girls tame The Wild

The Minden Car Quest Auto Midget B girls advanced to their eastern loop finals in their league championship Friday night with a 3-0 win over the West Northumberland Wild in Haliburton. Alicia McLean put the Storm up 1-0 with a little dangle-itis in the first period beating the Wild tender with what proved to be the game-winning goal. In the second period, Alicia McLean added two more beauties, going top glove with a sweet wrister and later firing short-side shelf on the power play for the hat-trick. Connor Marsden earned the shut-out victory, her second in the league play-offs, stopping all West Northumberland shoot-

ers. The Storm will play either the Keene Wolverines or the Peterborough Ice Kats in the eastern loop finals of their league championship. The winning team will advance to the all-Ontario finals at the league's championship weekend at the end of March. Keep up the total team play, girls, grinding out these play-off wins with grit and determination. Your continued improving efforts will be the key to our future successes.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Storm Bantam A takes a 2-0 lead in semi-finals

The Storm met with the Kincardine Kinucks this weekend to start the semi-finals. It was an exciting first game Saturday in Haliburton, the Storm won in overtime, 2-1. A scoreless first period had lots of back and forth action. It was a hard point shot from Garbutt that found the opening, for the Storm's first goal, midway through the second period. The action continued throughout the game. With minutes left, the Kinucks tied it up, sending the game into overtime. A battle around the net resulted in a goal by Schmidt, assist going to Walker. A great game by all.

Next day, the acquainted teams met for Game 2 in Haliburton. This time the Storm stepped it up, winning the game 4-1 and taking a 2-0 lead in series. The scoring began late in the first with a battle around the net. A goal by Schmidt, assisted by Cooper. The Storm kept the pressure on, constantly driving to the net. Patterson-Smith took his own rebound for goal two, midway through second, passes from Cooper and Manning. Later on, Patterson-Smith found himself alone in front of the net with the puck, fed by Manning, and he snapped it in, making it 3-0. Shortly after, the Kinucks managed a goal, ending the period 3-1. The momentum continued to build in the third period. With minutes left, the Kinucks pulled the goalie. Schmidt scored an empty-netter from a pass by Lucas Haedicke, sealing the win. Awesome work by the Storm team, special mention to Smolen, who was solid in net for both games.

The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Dentistry.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

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Book publisher (and Echo production staff member) Andrea Hillo recently received a letter from Prime Minister Stephen Harper about her books *The Artists of Haliburton Highlands* and *The Artists of Muskoka*, which feature dozens of artists in various media. Here is the letter she received:



Dear Ms. Hillo:

Thank you for your note and the books, *The Artists of Haliburton Highlands* and *The Artists of Muskoka*. Mr Barry Devolin, Member of Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, kindly ensured that I received these thoughtful gifts.

These books have managed to capture the beauty of the Haliburton Highlands and Muskoka, two truly enchanting regions of Ontario. I will be certain to share these volumes with Laureen, as I know she will appreciate the artworks that you have chosen to include.

Once again, thank you for your thoughtfulness. I extend my best wishes for continued success in your endeavours.

Sincerely,
The Rt. Hon Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.
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/DARREN LUM Staff

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Linda Heeps noticed her backyard deer has developed a fun new way to eat seeds off the birdfeeder. /SUBMITTED



The fox at Laura Smith's house is sporting a healthy winter coat.

Young Professionals Network to host St. Patrick's Day networking event

Are you in your 20s and 30s living in the Haliburton Highlands wondering if you're the only one? The Haliburton Highlands Young Professionals Network is holding an event to connect you with other young professionals in the county.

It's called St. Patrick's Day Speed Networking and it's happening from 7 to 10 p.m. on March 17 at the Dominion Hotel in Minden. Along with St. Paddy's Day green beverages and half-priced wings, you'll get some tips on how to get the most out of networking and mix up the crowd so you get a chance to meet everyone in the room.

Find out what other young professionals and entrepreneurs do, how they came to live in the Highlands and what their goals are. If you are in your 20s and 30s and interested in meeting other like-minded young people, come out and meet some great individuals! All young professionals are invited March 17 at the Dominion Hotel in Minden to find out what the YPN is all about.

For more information and to RSVP look us up on Facebook, or email ypn@haliburtonchamber.com or call Lauren at 705.457.4700.

The Haliburton Highlands Young Professionals Network was established early in 2014 as an initiative of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. The first YPN event saw 50 young professionals attend and join the network. Since then, the committee has been holding various social and education events in the Haliburton Highlands geared to young professionals and entrepreneurs. Their goal is to connect and support young professionals who work, live and play in the Haliburton Highlands.

Submitted



Haliburton Highlands Chapter 54

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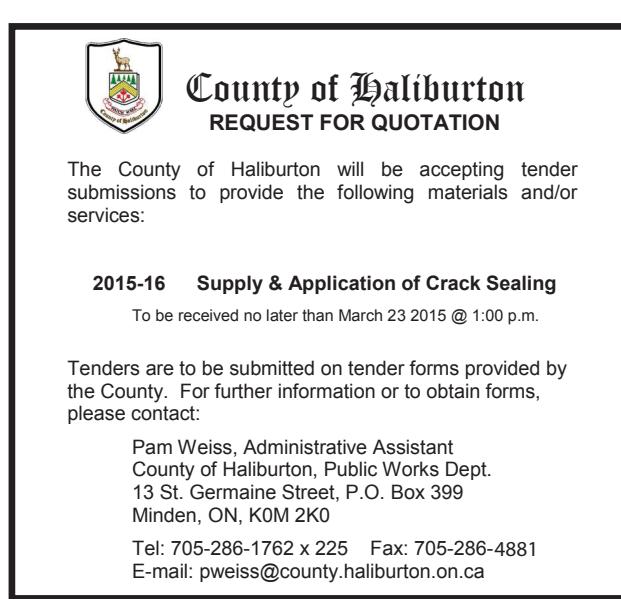
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***PLEASE NOTE:** Volunteers do not complete returns for deceased persons or their beneficiaries, bankrupt individuals, or individuals who have capital gains or losses, employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses.

This program is being held in conjunction with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Preparation (CVITP) program through the Canada Revenue Agency.



Head to Harvest this weekend in Wilberforce

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark
448-2018

It really is time for a night out. Just time to sit back in a warm place and be entertained. I for one plan to attend both performances of *Harvest* this coming weekend. The live performances of this play will be on the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre stage on Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7. With 7:30 p.m. start times it won't be a late time getting home.

There are two acts in this full length bittersweet comedy which "is based on a true story about the play-

wright's lovingly quarrelsome parents as they retire, rent their farm to a nice young man and move to the city." There will be touching yet funny moments as Allen and Charlotte are hoping to reap a golden retirement. Will they? Who is this nice young man?

Pippa and Daniel of Blackfly Theatre will play many different parts in this cleverly structured presentation. They are adapting the set from that used in their successful presentation of *Harvest* last summer in Bancroft to our stage.

There will be refreshments and a silent auction each evening. Tickets are \$12 and are available at Agnew's Store and at the door. Seats are unassigned.

Any profits from these presentations will be donated to the local firefighters for restoration for an historic fire truck. The Highlands East firefighters are working closely with The Loop Troupe in presenting these two evenings of entertainment.

Hope to see you there.

And while on the theatre theme we hear that rehearsals are going well as the Highlands Little Theatre rehearse for a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*. With the talented players they have lined up under leadership of Bill Gliddon and Curtis Eastmure et al this should be a hit in mid April.

A bonspiel on Feb. 28 at the Wilberforce Curling Club was a combined effort between the North Hastings Community Integration Association and Community Living of Haliburton was in celebration of 50 years of their being here to help the communities. The curling club here provided use of the club free and catered both lunch and dinner at the LWMC. This fun day was supported by three teams from each area. Everyone was a winner. Thanks to Darrell and Kathy McQuigge of the curling club for this information.

Think spring. The brown earth, even mud will be welcome this year. In the meantime enjoy the sun.

Moore recounts well-drilling mission

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Trevor Moore, son of Neil and Betty Moore, spoke on Feb. 15 at the West Guilford Gospel Chapel, and wove into his sermon a report on his recent trip to Burkina Faso where he, with friends from Calvary Baptist Church in Pembroke, had travelled to help a missionary drill wells in outlying villages. Out of the five wells drilled, two produced good water. For full details and pictures, go to www.westgulfordgospelchapel.com/sermonarchive/speakers/trevormoore.

Snowshuffle Day in perfect weather began at 9 a.m. on

Feb. 28 with 200 registered for the day. On hand at the door were Lynn Morrison, Julie Park, Mandy Harrison and Carm Sawyer. More people came to register as the morning went on. Further report when details are available at the end of the day for next week's column.

Euchre for Feb. 24
High- Kathee Freeman and Neil Moore
Low- Kathleen Owens and Marty Madonick

Most Lone Hands- Lorraine Draper and Ray Campbell
The whole community rejoices with Gail and Bob Power over his life giving surgery. What a great lease on life! Congratulations on the whole medical team's success over this completed operation.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Anna Mueller, so deeply loved by her family. Her funeral at Monk's Funeral Chapel was followed by luncheon reception at the Community Centre on Monday at 1 p.m. in the lower level.

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CAMPBELL, John "Jack"

March 8, 1932 - February 12, 2015

Passed away peacefully on February 12, 2015. Survived by his wife Ariel. Father of Joanne (Frank Mayo), Gail, Corrine, Glenda, Leslie Ward (Peter), Allen Rees (Harold), predeceased by Earl and Fred. Grandfather of 11 and Great-Grandfather to many. Memorial visitation was at the PAUL O'CONNOR FUNERAL HOME 1939 Lawrence Ave E., (between Pharmacy and Warden) on Monday at 12 pm followed by a service at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers donations to the Alzheimer's society would be appreciated.



FEARREY, André
Passed away on February 26, 2015 at the age of 21.

Son of Timothy Fearrey and Renée Fearrey, née Alary. He leaves behind his big sister Gabrielle and his little brother Justin; his grandmother Pat Fearrey (late Bruce Fearrey); his grandparents Roger and Louise Alary; Aunt Cheryl (Murray) Mischio; Uncle Mike (Brenda) Fearrey; Cousins Jeff Mischio, Ashlee Casey, Kellee Mckay and Kaitlyn Fearrey, as well as his other family and numerous friends. He was predeceased by his godfather Jean Alary.

There will be a viewing, at the **Coopérative funéraire de l'Outaouais**, 95 Cité-des-Jeunes Blvd, Gatineau (Hull Sector) on Thursday March 5, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Friday, March 6 starting at 1:00 p.m., followed by a service at the funeral home at 4:00 p.m.

As an expression of sympathy, donations to your local suicide prevention organization would be appreciated.

Online condolences may be transmitted via : www.cfo.coop

Coopérative funéraire de l'Outaouais
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**In Loving Memory of
Chris Williard Ventress**
(Veteran of WWII, Retired Employee of General Motors Oshawa)
Passed away peacefully at the hospital in Bowmanville, Ontario on Thursday February 26, 2015 at the age of 87.

Beloved husband of Pauline (nee Smith) of Haliburton. Dear father of Peter (Jenene), Shirley Morrison, Kathy (Joe, deceased) Hand, Tim (Wanda), Bill, and Patty Springstead (Leo). Loving grandfather of 11 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and predeceased by his granddaughter Holly. Lovingly remembered by his family and friends.

Friends are invited to join the family at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton, on Saturday May 16, 2015 at 11:00 am for a Graveside Committal and Interment Service. Cremation has taken place. A reception will follow at the Haliburton United Church, Haliburton in the Fellowship Hall.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0.

**In Loving Memory of
Ross Casey**
Passed away peacefully at Belleville General Hospital, with his family by his side, on Sunday, February 15, 2015 at the age of 83.

Beloved husband of Ruth (Dunford) Casey for 58 years. Dear father of Gary (Laura) Casey of Wilberforce and Brenda (Joe Artibello) of Maple. Grandpa is fondly remembered by his grandchildren, Stephen and Julia Artibello and Brad and Tyler Casey.

Ross is survived by one sister, Edna (late Ronald Moncrief) of Peterborough, the late Audrey (Alvin McGee) of Lindsay, the late Mary (late Maurice Hill) of Lindsay, the late Ray (Lorraine) Casey of Wilberforce and many nieces and nephews.

Ross will be fondly remembered by Ruth's siblings and their children. Ross enjoyed fishing, hunting and the outdoors and spending time with his family.

Friends and family gathered at the Baragar Funeral home in Bancroft on Thursday February 19, 2015 for visitation from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon with the funeral at noon. Mr. Wayne Rutter officiated. Internment will take place at the South Wilberforce Cemetery in the spring. The family would welcome donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in lieu of flowers in Ross's memory.

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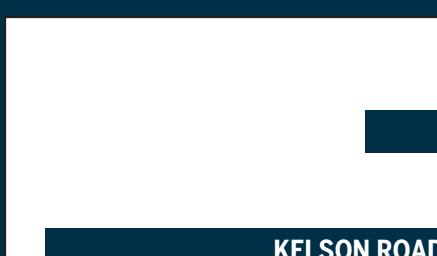
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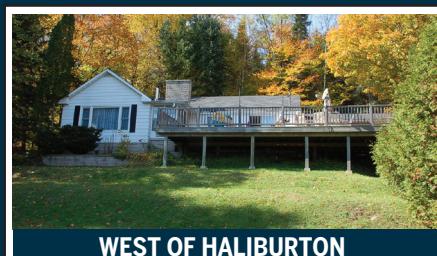
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